

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 63 are presently pending in the application.

Claims 1 - 24 were previously indicated as allowable, subject to certain informalities. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended. Claims 64 and 65 have been canceled.

In the event the Examiner should find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

In a conversation with Examiner Jeanglaude of Friday, February 11, 2005, it was discussed that the Advisory Action in the present case would be withdrawn, and that a Notice of Non-Compliance would be issued instead, in order to permit the Applicants to file a Request for Continued Examination and the present Preliminary Amendment. A restarting of the period for response was discussed, and Examiner Jeanglaude indicated that he would ask his Supervisor to restart the period for response to the Notice of Non-Compliance and provide Applicants with one-month to respond. The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to Applicants' receipt of said Notice of Non-Compliance. As such, it is believed that no extensions of time are presently necessary.

However, in the event that the period for response was not restarted by the mailing of the Notice of Non-Compliance, please consider the present as a petition for a further two month extension of time, to and including, February 14, 2004. A previous first month extension of time was requested in a Response filed in the present case on December 14, 2005 and the fee of \$120.00 was previously paid. In the event that a further extension of time is deemed necessary, please charge the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099 for the additional fee of \$900.00 for the further extension of time (i.e., \$1,020 minus \$120, which was previously paid).

Please provide any additional extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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